

## GATE LATCHING MECHANISM

### ABSTRACT

A gate latching mechanism includes a frame with a handle pivotally attached thereto. A locking member is connected to the handle and moves with it during  
5 operating conditions. The frame further includes brackets connected to the fence posts and the frame respectively that guide and receive the locking member. The present invention further includes a spring mechanism within the locking member, which includes a spring connected to a pin. Such a spring is stretched when the locking member is open and reaches equilibrium when the locking member is  
10 closed. The present invention further includes a specialized bracket for connecting the handle to the frame so that it may be selectively pivoted as desired by a user.